

CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: A0EE0476FA8EAE9D

Other known title(s): Not stated

OFLC ref: 2000036.027

Medium: Image File

Publisher: Not stated

Country of origin: Not stated

Language: Not applicable

Applicant: Commissioner of Police

Classification:	Objectionable.
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Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 06 April 2020

Date of direction to issue a label: No direction to issue a label has been issued

Date of notice of decision: 06 April 2020

Summary of reasons for decision:

This digital image file is an overtly sexualised image of an apparently naked girl. The image is deemed objectionable because it promotes and supports the exploitation of children for sexual purposes under s3(2)(a) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 (FVPC Act). It presents girls as sexually available and appropriate subjects for adult sexual fantasy and desire. The image can only be for the titillation and arousal of those with a prurient interest in girls, and legitimises and encourages such an interest. As a digital image the publication can be shared widely among like-minded individuals. The image may also be used for grooming potential victims of sexual abuse. The classification of this publication interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications which fall under s3(2) of the FVPC Act and reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to protect its young and vulnerable members from exploitation.